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SUBJ: SURINAM DRUG OFFENSE CONVICTIONS

REF: PARAMARIBO 551

1. CONTINUING NARCOTICS INVESTIGATION REPORTED REFTEL
HAS RESULTED IN THE TRIAL AND CONVICTION OF 17 PERSONS. A
TOTAL OF 42 PERSONS HAVE BEEN DETAINED DURING THE INVESTI-
GATION BUT 25 WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED WITHOUT CHARGES
HAVING BEEN FILED.

2. THOSE TRIED WERE CONVICTED ON CHARGES RANGING FROM USE OF
MARIJUANA TO THE POSSESSION AND SALE OF HEROIN AND RECEIVED
SENTENCES RANGING FROM THREE MONTHS IN PRISON FOR THE FORMER
TO THREE YEARS FOR THE LATTER. DESPITE THE RELATIVELY LIGHT
PENALTIES (FOUR YEARS IS THE MAXIMUM SENTENCE FOR A NARCOTICS
OFFENSE UNDER SURINAMESE LAW AND SURINAM COURTS TEND TO BE
MORE LENIENT THAN THEIR AMERICAN AND DUTCH COUNTERPARTS) THE
CONVICTIONS CAN BE CONSIDERED A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE
SURINAMESE POLICE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE REPERCUSSIONS
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WHICH THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVING A NUMBER OF WELL-KNOWN
FAMILY NAMES HAS HAD ON THIS SMALL, CLOSELY KNIT SOCIETY.

3. COMMENT: INVESTIGATION AND PURSUING OF THESE CASES TO
TRIAL AND CONVICTION ARE CLEAR INDICATIONS OF SURINAM'S
GROWING DETERMINATION TO CURB DOMESTIC NARCOTICS ABUSE.
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